



ARTICLES
TO BE ENQUIRED
OF IN THE DIOCESSE
of SALISBVRIE.

IN THE VISITATION OF
the Reverend Father in God,

I O H N Lord Bishop of
SARVM.

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The Forme of the Oath to be ministred to
the Church-wardens and Side-men.

YOU shall sweare, that all affection, fauour, hatred,
hope of reward and gaine, or feare of displeasure
or malice set aside, you shall, vpon due consideration
of the Articles giuen you in charge, present all and e-
uerie such person of, or within your Parish as hath
committed any offence mentioned in these or any of
these Articles, or which are vehemently suspected,
and defamed of any such offence: wherein you shall
discharge your consciences vprightly, and according
to truth, neither of malice presenting any contrarie to
truth, nor of corrupt affection sparing to present any,
and so conceale the truth; hauing in this action God
before your eyes, with an earnest zeale to maintaine
truth, and to suppress vice. So helpe you God, and
by the contents of this Booke.

GOD saue the KING.

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ARTICLES TO BE enquired of in the Dioceſſe of Salisburie.

Articles concerning publike Prayer, and adminiſtration
of the SACRAMENTS.

Titul. 1.



FIRST, Whether hath any of your Pariſh
spoken or declared any thing in the derogation
or depraving of the ſoyne of Gods Worſhip
in the Church of England, and adminiſtrati-
on of the Sacraments, Rites, and Ceremo-
nies ſet forth and preſcribed in the Booke of

Depraving of
the Booke of
Common
Prayer and
Ceremonies.

Common Prayer, by the Kings Maieſty authorized and con-
firmed: Doe any preach, ſpeake, or declare, that it containeth
any thing which is not agreeable to the holy Scriptures.

2 Item, Whether hath any in your Pariſh cauſed, procured,
or maintained any Miniſter to ſay any common or publike
prayer, or to adminiſter eyther of the Sacraments of Baptiſme
and the Lords Supper, otherwiſe or in any other manner or
ſoyne than is mentioned in the ſaid booke of common Prayer:
Or whether hath any interrupted, hindered, let, or diſtur-
bed the Miniſter to reade diuine Service and adminiſter the
Sacraments in ſuch manner and ſoyne as is mentioned in the
ſaid Booke: or interrupted him in his preachings and Sermons:

Perswading
any Miniſter
to alter the
forme of Com-
mon Prayer.

3 Item, Whether is the Sacrament of Baptiſme rightly
and duly adminiſtered according to the preſcript ſoyne expreſ-
ſed in the Booke of common Prayer, with due obſervation
of all Rites and Ceremonies preſcribed in the adminiſtration
of the ſame:

Obſervation
of the forme of
Baptiſme and
Croſſe.

Concerning publike Prayer.

Deferring of
Baptisme.

4. Item, whether is the administration of the Sacrament of Baptisme deferred longer than the next Sunday or Holyday immediately following the birth of the Childe?

Children refused to be baptized or dying without Baptisme.

5. Item, whether is the Sacrament of Baptisme refused to be administered to any children borne in or out of Wedlocke, their birth being made knowne to the Minister of the Parish, and offered unto him to be baptized, or haue any such children dyed unbaptized?

Parents of children admitted Godfathers.

6. Item, whether be the Parents of any childe to be baptized, admitted to be Godfathers and Godmothers to the same?

Private Baptisme.

7. Item, whether haue there bene any children baptized in priuate houses by any Lay-person or Midwife, or popish Priest?

8. Item, whether haue there bene any children baptized in priuate houses by your Minister, or any other Minister, but upon vrgent occasion when the childe was in danger of death?

Baptizing of Papists children.

9. Item, whether haue the children which haue bene borne to any popish Recusants, or begotten by them in your Parish, bene publickly baptized in your Parish Church by your Parson, Vicar, or Curate, or by whom were they baptized, or where, to your knowledge?

Receiving of the Lords Supper thrice a yere.

10. Item, whether hath the blessed Sacrament of the Lords Supper ben duely and reuerently administered euery moneth, or thrice euery yere at least, whereof once at Easter, within your Parish Church, to euery parishioner being of sixteen yeres of age, or upwards?

Kneeling at the Communion.

11. Item, whether is the said holy Sacrament deliuered unto, or receiued by any of the Communicants within your Parish, that doe not deuoutly and humbly kneele upon their knees?

Notorious offenders admitted to the Communion.

12. Item, whether haue any of your Parish, which be openly knowne to liue in notorious sinne without repentance, or excommunicate persons, or Schismatiques, common and notorious depraues of the Religion and Gouvernement of this Realme, without vnsained sorrow shewne for their impiety and wickednesse, bene admitted to be partaker of the said holy Communion?

Debarring others without cause.

12. Item, whether hath any of your Parish bene debarr'd from the said holy Communion without iust cause, and without

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without intimation first given to the Ordinary or Bishop of the Diocese: and by whose fault?

Articles concerning the Church, the *Titul. 2.* Ornaments thereof, and the Churches possessions.

First, Whether have you in your Church or Chappell, the whole Bible of the largest volume, and of the last translation, the Booke of Common Prayer, the two Bookes of Homilies, and Bishop Jewells Apology, all well and fairely bound: a front of stone, set up in the usuall ancient place: a convenient and decent Communion Table, with a Carpet of silke, or some other decent stuffe, continually layd upon the Table at time of Divine Service, and a faire linnen cloth at the time of administering the Communion: and whether is the same Table placed conveniently as it ought: and whether is it so used in or out of time of divine Service or Sermon, as is not agreeable to the holy use of it: Are the tenne Commandements set upon the East end of your Church, with other sentences of Scripture about?

Bookes and ornaments of the Church.

Abusing of the Communion Table.

2 Item, Whether have you in your said Church or Chappell, a convenient Seate for your Minister to reade divine Service in, together with a comely Pulpit, set up in a convenient place with a decent cloth or cushion for the same, a comely, large, and fine Surplice: a faire Communion cup, a flaggon of silver, or pewter, with all other things and ornaments necessary for the celebration of divine Service, and administration of the Sacraments and whether have you a Chest for Almes, with three lockes and keyes, and another Chest for keeping the Bookes and Ornaments of the Church, and the Register Booke: Whether have you a Register Booke in Parchment, so Christnings, Weddings, and Burials: and is the same kept in all points according to the Canons: And have you a Table set in your Church, of the degrees wherein by Law men are prohibited to marry?

Things appertaining to Churches.

Register books.

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Reparation of
Churches and
Parsonage
houles.

3 Item, Whether is your Church or Chappell, with the Chancell thereof, and your Parsonage or Vicarage house, your Parish Almshouse and Church, in good reparations, and are they employed to goodly and their right holy uses: if any be ruined and wasted, in whom is the default: As your Church, Chancell, and Chappell decently and comely kept as well within as without: and be the seats well maintained, the Steeple and Bells preserved, the windows well glazed, the floor kept paved, plaine, and even, and all things in orderly and decent sort:

Fencing and
keeping the
Church yard.
Prophaning
and annoying
the Church-
yard.

4 Item, Whether be your Church-yards well fenced, and kept without abuse: if not, whose default is it: hath any person encroached upon the ground of the Church-yard: have any bled a place, consecrated to holy use, profanely or wickedly: have any quarrelled, or stricken another in Church or Church-yard:

Churches va-
cant.

5 Item, Whether is your Church full, or vacant of an Incumbent: if vacant, who receiveth the fruits thereof, and who serveth the Cure, and by what authority: and whether is it a Parsonage, Vicarage, or Donative, or Appropriation:

Concealing of
Church goods.

6 Item, What Legacies have bene given to the use and benefit of your Church: how have they bene bestowed: who received them, and detaineth them without due employment: Doth any detain or imbezell any of the Church goods, or any other gifts given to charitable uses:

Erecting up of
Seats and
Pewes.

7 Item, Whether is there any erecting of pelves, or immov-
ing of seats in your Church by any private man of his owne authority: and what seats have bene so built, and by whose procurement, and by what authority:

Defacing of
seemly orna-
ments.

8 Item, Whether hath any in your Parish defaced, or caused to bee defaced, any Monuments, or Ornaments in your Church:

Burying of po-
pish Recusants

9 Item, Whether hath any popish Recusant, being lawfully excommunicated, bene interred or buried in your Church or Church-yard, before abolition of that censure and Excommunication: if yea, then by whom, and when:

Alienation of
tythes & pro-
fits of the
Church.

10 Item, Whether be not the profits, tythes, and other commodities Ecclesiasticall, impiously and wickedly, to the dishonour of Almighty God, and prejudice of the sacred Minist-
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rie, conuer ted to the vse and benefit of couetous Patrons, and by them receiued and detained, and how long haue they bene so tied to your knowledge?

11 Item, Whether haue there bene made any bargain and sale, exchange, or other alienation of the Glebe lands, or tithes of your Parsonage or Vicarage, being presentative, without the consent of the Ordinary and Patron: and if yea, specifye the said lands and tithes so sold, exchanged, or alienated, where it lay and lyeth, and how it was and is abutteth, together with the value of the same, and who made the same sale, exchange, or alienation, and to whom was it made?

12 Item, Whether haue you the Terrier of all the Glebe Lands, Meadows, Gardens, Orchards, Houses, Stocks, Implements, Tenements, and portions of Tithes, (whether within your Parish or without) belonging unto your Parsonage or Vicarage, taken by the view of honest men in your said Parish? And whether the said Terrier be laid up in the Bishops registry, and in whose hands are many of them now? And if you haue no Terrier already made in Parchment, you the Churchwardens and Widenen, together with your Parson or Vicar, or in his absence, you are to make diligent inquiry and presentment of the premises, and make, subscribe, and signe, the said Terrier, as aforesaid.

A Terrier of
Glebe Lands
and other pos-
sessions of the
Church.

Articles concerning Ministers and Preachers of Gods holy Word. Titul. 3.

First, Whether doth your Minister distinctly, reuerently say Divine Service upon Sundaeies and Holidaeies, and other daies appointed to be obserued by the Booke of Common Prayer, at fit and vsuall times? And doth your Minister duly obserue the Orders Rites, and Ceremonies prescribed in the said booke of Common Prayer, as well in reading all publike prayers, and the Letany, as also in administering the Sacraments, solemnization of Matrimony, visitation of the sick, burying the dead, churching of women, and all other like Rites and Offices of the Church, in such manner and forme as in the said Booke of Common Prayer is intyoned: and doth he read the Books of the last Canons yearly?

Observation
of the forme
and time of
Common
Prayer and
Sacraments.

2. Item,

Concerning Ministers.

Continuall
wearing of the
Surplice.

Observation
of Rites.

Preachers
without li-
cence.

Preaching of
false doctrine
and new opi-
nions.

2 Item, Whether doth your Minister, reading diuine Ser-
uice, and administering the Sacraments and other Rites of the
Church, weare the Surplice according to the Canons?

3 Item, Whether doth your Minister bid Holidayes and
Fasting dayes, as is appointed? Doth he administer the holy
Communion euery moneth, or thrice in the yeare, at least:
whereof once at Easter to euery Parishioner? Doth he re-
ceiue the same himselfe on euery day that he administreteth it to
others, and vseth he the words of Institution according to the
Booke without alteration, at euery time that the Bread and
Wine is renewed? Doth he vse, and neuer omit the signe of
the Crosse in Baptisme: or doth he euer baptize in any Basin
or other thing but the vsuall Font? Doth he marry without a
Ring, or in times prohibited, or without the Banes thrice
published, without a speciall licence from the Archbishop,
or Bishop of the Diocesse, or his Chancello; first had and ob-
tained?

4 Item, Whether is your Minister a Preacher licensed
or no: if no, Whether doth he take vpon him in his owne Cure
or else where, to expound any Scripture or matter of doctrine,
and doth not keepe himselfe onely to the reading of Homilies
published by authority? If so, then, you are to present the same,
the time and place where he did it. And if he be licensed, Doth
he preach vsuall in his owne Cure, according to the 4. Ca-
non, or in some other neighbour Church, where no Preacher is?
Whether doth he or his Curate vpon euery Sunday when
there is no Sermon, reade a Homily or some part thereof, ac-
cording as he ought to doe?

5 Item, Whether doth your Minister publish in his Ser-
mons any doctrine which is new and strange, and disagreeing
from the Word of God, and from the Articles of Christian
Faith and Religion, agreed on and published, An. Dom. 1562.
or hath he at any time preached against the Rites and Ceremo-
nies of the Church of England, or the lawfull vse of them, or
against the gouernement of this Church vnder his Maiesty, by
Archbishops, Bishops, and other Ecclesiasticall Officers?

6 Item, Whether are any strange Ministers admitted to
preach in your Church, who do not befoze the Churchwardens
subscribe their names in your Booke for that purpose, the day
when

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When he preached, and the name of the Bishop of whom he had licence to preach : and is any one admitted to preach, before he sheweth his licence ?

7 Item, Doth any Preacher in your Pulpit particularly impugn and confute any doctrine deliuered by others his fellow Preachers, before he hath acquainted the Bishop of the Diocese therewith, and receiued order from him what to doe in that case ? Opposition of Preachers in their Sermons.

8 Item, Doth your Minister vse to pray for the Kings Majesty, Clergy, Councell, &c. giuing them their full titles, and doth he alwaies conclude his prayer with the Lords Prayer, as in the Canon is required ? Praying for his Maestie, &c.

9 Item, Whether is your Minister resident vpon his Benefice, or absent : if absent ; by whom is the Cure serued, the fruits receiued : Doth your Minister or Curate serue any more Cures than one : if yea, then what other Cure doth he serue and how farre are they distant ? Non-residence of the Minister

10 Item, Whether doth hee Catechize the Youth of his Parish vpon Sundayes and Holy dayes, before euening Prayer for an halfe an houre or more, in the Catechisme set forth in the Booke of Common Prayer : and whether doe all the Parishioners diligently attend his catechizing : and who refuse to send their children and seruants to be catechized by him ? Catechizing.

11 Item, Doth your Minister carefully looke to the reliefe of the poore, and from time to time call vpon his parishioners to giue somewhat according to their ability, to godly and charitable vses especially when they make their Wills : Ministers to call for reliefe of the poore, & almes-deeds.

12 Item, Whether is your Minister suspected or knowne to haue obtained his Benefice or spirituall promotion by any Symoniacall compact, directly, or indirectly ? Symony.

13 Item, Whether doth your Minister demise the profits of his Benefice to any Lay-man above thre yeere, and is not resident there, and keepeth no hospitality, vpon his Benefice, being of sufficient value ? Demising of Benefices.

14 Item, Whether hath hee, being learned and sufficient, conferred with the popish Recusants of his parish, endeavouring to reclaime them from their errors, and presenting them being obstinate for their recusancy ? Conferring with Recusants

15 Item, Doth your Minister in the Rogation dayes goe Observing of rogation week

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in perambulation of the circuit of the Parish, saying, and blessing the Prayers, Suffrages, and Thanksgiving to God, appointed by Law, according to his duty, thanking God for his blessings, and praying for his grace and favour :

Preaching in
private houses,
&c.

16 Item, Hath your Minister or any other Preacher, made any Sermon, administered the Sacraments, or church'd women in any private houses, otherwise than is by Law allowed :

Curates not
licensed, and
Laymen doing
offices of a
Minister.

17 Item, What Curates or Preachers doe reade Prayers or administer the Sacraments in your Parish, without full licence from the Bishop of the Diocese, under his hand and Seale, according to the Canon : or doth any Lay man, not having holy Orders, presume to reade publike Prayers in the Church :

Lecturers and
Preachers to
reade Service.

18 Item, Whether haue you any Preacher or Lecturer in your Parish ; and whether (if any such be), doth he twice at least, every yeare reade himselfe diuine Service both morning and euening two severall Sundais publickely in his Surplice, and also twice in the yeare administer both Sacraments, with such Rites and Ceremonies as are prescribed in the Booke of Common Prayer, according to the 56. Canon :

Ministers for-
saking their
Callings.

19 Item, Whether is your Minister studious in the holy Scripture, and abstaineth from mechanickall trades, or labour not befitting his function, and from apparell unseemely for his calling, and from gaming, swearing, and drunkennesse, or such noxious crimes : Or is there any in your parish, who hauing bene admitted into holy Orders, either Deacon or Minister, doth relinquish, or forsake his calling, and liueth in the course of his life as a Lay man :

20 Item, Whether doth your Minister in his Sermons deliuer and debate those high points of Predestination, Reprobation, Universality of Grace, and other of like nature, forbidden to be handled in popular Sermons :

21 Item, Whether hath your Minister used any bitter inuectiues, or railing speeches in his sermons against the persons either of Papists or Puritanes :

22 Item, Whether doth your Minister every five moneths denounce in his parish all such of his parish as doe perseuer in the sentence of excommunication, not seeking to be absolved :

and

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and whether he hath received any excommunicate person into the Church without certificate from the Ordinary: who are encouragers and keepers of company with such as remain excommunicate: and whether any dying excommunicate be buried in Christian buriall?

Articles concerning Marriage.

Titul. 4.

First, Whether be there any in your parish that have married within the degrees of Affinity or consanguinity, by the Law of God forbidden: if any, what be they?

Mariage without Leuiticall degrees.

2 Item, Whether have any bene married secretly in private houses, or without their parents or governours consent signified, being under the age of 21. yeares?

Private marriage, and without consent of Parents.

3 Item, Whether doe any persons lawfully married, live another unlawfully: and in whom is the default?

Maried persons living apart.

4 Item, Whether any persons (the Banes being not thence published in the Church) have bene married without licence, who were present at such mariages, and what Minister married them?

Mariage without banes or licence.

5 Item, Whether any persons by licence or without, have bene married in your parish Church, neither of them at that time dwelling in your towne?

Persons married out of their Parishes.

6 Item, What Popish Recusants or their children have bene married in your parish, in what sort was that matrimony solemnized, when and by whom?

Recusants marriage.

Articles concerning Church-wardens.

Titul. 5.

First, Whether be the Church-wardens chosen by the Minister and parishioners according to the 89. Canon; and whether hath any taken him to be Church-warden, being not so chosen: or hath any continued above one yeare in his office, without a new choice?

Election of Church-wardens.

2 Item, Whether have any Church-warden retained any of the Church goods, and not made a full account of what they have received and expended?

Church-wardens due account.

3 Item, Have they bene, and are they diligent in their office, to see Decence kept in the Church, and order in the same?

Church-wardens diligent in the Church.

Concerning the Parishioners.

A Booke for
strange Prea-
chers.

of Common Prayer, and administration of the Sacraments; and that there be no disturbance, but sobernesse and quietnesse in the Church: And doe the Churchwardens keepe a Booke in your parish, wherein the name of every strange Preacher in your parish is set doونه; and haue the Churchwardens suffered any to preach, not shewing, or hauing no Licence:

Titul. 6.

Articles concerning the Parishioners.

Prophaning
the Lords day.

First, whether doe any in your parish prophane the Sunday by unlawfull games, drinking, or tipling in the time of Common Prayer or Sermon, and by working and doing the ordinary workes of their vocation and trades?

Impugning the
Rites and go-
uernment of
the Church.

2. Item, Is there any in your parish that do impugne or speak against the Rites and Ceremonies of the Church of England, or the lawfull use of them, and government of this Church vnder his Maiestie, by Archbishops, Bishops, and other Ecclesiasticall Officers?

Reuerent be-
haviour at di-
uine Service.

3. Item, Who in your parish doe come to the Sermon only, and not to diuine Service; and who doe not reuerently behaue themselves during the time of Diuine Service, deuously kneeling when the generall Confession of sinnes, the Letany, the Aeterne Commandements, and all Prayers and Collects are read, or who doe cower their heads in the Church, during the whole time of Diuine Service, vntil it be in case of necessity, or who doe giue themselves to babling, talking, or walking, and are not attentine to heare the Word read and preached?

Leaueing their
owne Churches
to go to others.

4. Item, Are there any of your parish, hauing a Preacher to their Minister, that doe absent themselves from his Sermons, and resort to other places to heare other Preachers: or do any in your parish communicate, or baptize their children in any other parish?

Exception a-
gainst the Mi-
nister.

5. Item, Is there any in your Parish that refuse to haue their children baptized, or themselves to receiue the Communion of your Minister, taking exception against him: or haue any wiuues that refuse to come to Church, according to the Booke of Common Prayer, to giue thanks to God for their

Churching of
women.

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their safe deliuerance, in a decent habite, as hath bene anciently accustomed :

6 Item, **W**hether any in your parish spoken slanderous and reproachfull words against your Minister, to the scandall of his vocation, or against their marriage or wiues, or against his Neighbour, defaming them touching any crime of Ecclesiasticall cognizance :

Disgracing of Ministers.

7 Item, **W**hether doe any in your parish exercise any trade or labour, buy or sell, or keepe open shops, or set out any wares to be sold upon Sundayes and Holydayes, by themselves, their seruants, or apprentices, or haue otherwise prophaned the said dayes :

Opening of shops vpon Holydaies.

8 Item, **W**hether is the fift of Nouember, kept holy, and thanksgiuing made to God, according to the order set forth in that behalfe :

Keeping holy the 5. of Nouember.

9 Item, **A**re there any in your parish that be, or are, commonly knowne or reputed to be blasphemers of Gods holy name, or uncharitable, adulterers, fornicators, incestuous persons, concealers, or harborers of fornicators or adulterers : haue any bene detected of such notorious crimes : and what penance haue they done for the same :

Adultery, fornication, incest, &c.

10 Item, **W**hat corporall punishment for any such offences, haue bene committed and exchanged into a pecuniarie mulct or summe of money by any Ecclesiasticall Judge, exercising iurisdiction within this Diocesse, by vertue of any grant or Commission : or what was the summe of money by them or any of them so receiued and taken, and to what vnder was the same bestowed : or whether vpon such commutations was the vnsained repentance of the delinquents published in the Church :

Commutation of penance.

11 Item, **W**hether there haue bene within your severall parishes since the *Feast day of March* any Wills proved, or administrations granted by the Archdeacon or his Officiall, or any knowne incontinent persons, or any suspected of that vice, or any other offenders whatsoever (hauing not before the said *Feast day of March* ben duly presented by their Churchwardens) for the same being called or cited by the Archdeacon or his Officiall : If yea, then you must present their names and their offences now at this Visitation, for that

Concerning Schoole-masters, &c.

since the said *Yth of March* the Archdeacons authority was restrained and suspended by inhibition, and all iurisdiction Ecclesiasticall euer since hath bene in the Lord Bishop.

12 Item, Whether haue any in your parish administered the goods of any person deceased, without lawfull authority, and before he or they haue proued the Will and Testament of the partie deceased, or haue obtained commission from the Ordinary, to dispose the said moueable goods? Or are there any Wills improued, or goods not ministred?

Excommunicate persons.

13 Item, What persons be excommunicate within your parish, and for what cause to your knowledge: and whether doe any of them repaire to the Church in time of prayer, unabsloued?

14 Item, What Recusant Papists are there in your parish, and whether doe they or any of them keepe any Schoole-master in their house, which commeth not to Church to heare diuine Service, and receiue the holy Communion: what is his name, and how long hath he taught?

Titul. 7.

Articles concerning Schoole-masters, Physitians, and Chirurgeons, and Parish-Clarkes.

Schoole-masters not licensed.

First, Is there any Schoole-master in your parish that teacheth publickely or privately, not licensed by the Ordinary, or Bishop of the Diocesse? Doth he teach any Papist or Hereticks children that come not to Church? And doth he instruct all his schollers to learne the shorter Catechisme by Law established, contained in the booke of Common Prayer? Is he a Graduate and sufficient to teach?

Duty of all Schoole-ma-

Physitians not licensed.

2 Item, What physitian or Chirurgeon is in your parish unlicensed, and being not a Doctor of Physicke in either of the Vniuersities, doth practise physike? And what ignorant persons haue left their trade and taken vpon them to practise physicke or chirurgerie: and who be they that so abuse the people?

Parish-Clarkes.

3 Item, Haue you a fit Parish-clerke, aged twenty yeares at least, of honest life, able to reade and write: are his and the Sextons wages paid without fraude: if not, then whose default is it? By whom is he chosen? Is hee diligent in his office,

Concerning Ecclesiasticall Offices.

office, and seruiceable to the Minister: doth he meddle with any thing aboue his office: doth hee keepe the Church cleane, the doores locked: Is any thing lost or spoiled by his default: and doth he execute his office duly?

Articles concerning Ecclesiasticall Offices.

Titul. 8.

First, Whether be there any Ecclesiasticall Officers that Excessive Fees.
Exercise Ecclesiasticall iurisdiction within this Diocese, that take and receiue, or exact any extraordinary fees for any cause: whether haue your Church-wardens and Quest-men concealed any abuses or offences punishable in the Ecclesiasticall Court: and whether such offences being presented, are suppressed and unpunished?

2 Item, Whether is there not a table of fees in every Court Table of Fees
of the Consistory, Archdeacons, and Commissaries, allowed in Courts.
and subscribed by the Judge and Register of the court of Consistory, An. Dom. 1597: and the same euery Court-day hung up in some publike place of the Court and Registerie?

3 Item, Doth any Ecclesiasticall Judge speed any act in any Speeding of
cause priuately of himselfe, and not in presence of some pub- AGs without
like Notary or Actuary. a Notary.

4 Item, Whether is there any excessive number of Appa- Abuses in Ap-
rators and Sumners in this Diocese: or haue any of them in- paritors and
der presence of authoritie, cited or summoned any person un- Sumners.
lawfully, or hath taken any reward for the concealing of any
offence or sinne, or the avoiding of the punishment of offenders: and who be they that haue done so: or doe they take any
fee not accustomed: haue they threatened any to prosecute
them if they had no reward: and doe they summon any with-
out a citation first had?

5 Item, Hath any Ecclesiasticall Judge, or Officer, Advo- Abuses in Ec-
cate, Register, Proctor, Clerkes, or other such Ministers, any clesiasticall
way abused themselves in their offices, contrary to the Law offices.
and Canons in that behalfe provided?

6 Item, Lastly, whether you, and euery of you haue sin- Sincerity and
cerely, uprightly, and without any partiall affection, and con- impartiality in
cealing, presented and made knowne, all and euery the offen- the inquisitors.
ders in any of the matters mentioned in the precedent Articles
exhibited.

